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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER  
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Sir:

In response to the final action dated December 26, 2007 and to the Advisory Action dated March 18, 2008 received in the patent application identified above, Applicant requests continued examination of the amended claims as indicated herein.